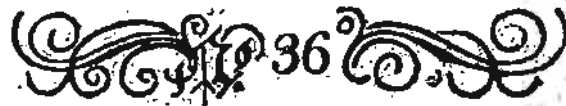


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ARTICLE I.

TIMES OF MEETING.

1. §. THE stated times of meeting of this Lodge, shall be on the first and third Wednesdays of each month : The hours of meeting to be at six o'clock in the evening, from the first of October to the first of April ; and at seven o'clock in the evening, from the first of April to the first of October.

2. §. As due and punctual attendance is indispensably necessary, the Lodge shall be opened within fifteen minutes after the stated time of meeting—but no Lodge shall be opened unless the Master or one of the Wardens, or a Past Master, who has been regularly installed, be present ; such Past Master to be also a member of this Lodge.

3. § EVERY member who shall not attend within the time limited for opening the Lodge, on stated meetings, (if within the city of Annapolis) shall pay the sum of twenty-five cents, unless excused by the Lodge.

4. § The Secretary shall each night of meeting deliver to the Master, a correct list of all the members who shall not have attended the preceding night of meeting, and in determining whether a fine shall be imposed on any absentee, no member reported as an absentee shall be allowed to vote on such question ; and no member charged with delinquency, shall vote in the case of any other member charged with the like neglect.

5. § AT the third stroke of the Master's hammer, repeated by the Wardens, there shall be a general silence, and whoever shall speak or whisper, without permission from the chair, may be publicly reprimanded by the Master; under the same penalty every Brother shall take his seat, and keep strict silence, whenever the master shall think fit to rise and call to order.

6. § EVERY Brother desirous of visiting the Lodge, shall give in his name, and the number of the Lodge to which he belongs, to some Brother, who, previous to the admission of the applicant, shall notify his application to the Lodge, and if the applicant be a resident of the city, he shall not be admitted more than once, except on the payment of fifty cents for each time thereafter.

ARTICLE II.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

1. § THE Worshipful Master, the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Secretary and the Treasurer, shall be elected annually on the night preceding the festival of St. John the Evangelist's Day: The election of the above officers to be by written ballots, and a majority of ballots to determine the several elections. No one but a member of the Lodge shall have a right to ballot, and each member shall have due notice of the object of such meeting, by a summons expressing in it such object. The Lodge shall again meet on St. John's Day, when a Past Master shall instal the Master, who shall then instal his officers. All Brethren who have been, or shall be initiated in this Lodge, shall be considered as members, and, as such, shall have a right to vote in all cases, until the Lodge shall be satisfied that they are members of some other Lodge, and do not wish to remain members of this Lodge.

2. § No member shall be ballotted for to any office, unless he has been nominated for such office previous to balloting for the same. The Secretary shall read the names of those nominated before the balloting be gone into, at which time any member thus nominated, shall state his objections (if any) to serving in said office; and if any member thus nominated, shall be elected, he shall be obliged to serve, under the penalty of ten dollars, unless excused by two thirds of all the brethren of the Lodge, or unless he has filled the same office within one year preceding such election—If but one shall be put in nomination for any office, he shall be declared duly elected to such office. No absent member shall be eligible to any office, unless upon the declaration of a member that he hath obtained the consent of such absent member, to serve if elected.

ARTICLE III.

DUTY OF THE OFFICERS.

OF THE MASTER.

1. § THE Master shall preside on every night the Lodge assembles, and shall see that the By-Laws, the regulations of the Grand Lodge, and the ancient usages of Masonry, be strictly observed; that his Wardens discharge their duty faithfully; that due and exact minutes be kept by the Secretary; that the Treasurer render correct accounts the first stated meetings in the months of April and October, and at such other times as may be required by the Lodge. It shall be the duty of the Master and his Wardens to attend the Grand Lodge, unless by consent of the Lodge other Brethren shall be appointed for that purpose. The Master shall appoint his own Dea-

cons, and shall convene the members and hold a Lodge, whenever he shall deem it expedient.

OF THE WARDENS.

2. § THE Senior Warden succeeds to fill the duties of the Master in his absence. He shall have the right of appointing his own Deacons. In the absence of the Master and Senior Warden, the Junior Warden shall act as Master ; but either of the Wardens on whom the authority may devolve, may request any Past Master to take the chair, after such Warden has congregated the Lodge. It is the duty of the Wardens to assist the Master in conducting the business of the Lodge, and managing the craft in due order and form, according to the By-Laws and ancient usages of Masons.

OF THE SECRETARY.

3. § THE Secretary shall keep fair records of all the proceedings. He shall issue summonses to all the members, notifying them of every meeting ; and shall furnish a list of members, initiated or advanced, at the stated times for the Treasurer to produce his accounts, and at such other times as may be required by the Lodge.

OF THE TREASURER.

4. § THE Treasurer shall keep a fair record of all his accounts and transactions, and the use to which the monies are appropriated, and shall lay before the Lodge a fair and correct account of all such monies and expenditures as before directed.

OF THE DEACONS.

5. § THE Deacons shall assist the Wardens in the execution of their duty, and perform such other duties as may be assigned them by the Master.

OF THE TYLER.

6. § THE duty of the Tyler is to go on all messages, to serve summonses, faithfully to Tyle the Lodge, and to do any other necessary business of the Lodge, to which he may be directed by the Master ; for which services he shall receive one dollar for each stated night of meeting, and one dollar for every initiation not on a stated night.— The Tyler shall be appointed annually, at the time of appointing the officers of the Lodge, and in the manner the election of said officers is directed to be made.

ARTICLE IV.

INITIATIONS & ADMISSIONS.

1. § EVERY person desirous of being made a Mason, in this Lodge, shall present a petition in writing, which shall be signed by two Master Masons, members of the Lodge, as vouchers for his good conduct and character.

2. § THE person applying for admission, shall be balloted for the next evening after his petition is preferred and read ; and if on such ballot being taken, there shall appear to be a black ball, or negative, the applicant shall not be admitted ; nor shall such applicant be balloted for at any future meeting, unless the same members shall be present who attended on the evening of his rejection.

3. § ANY applicant who shall have a unanimous ballot in his favor, shall be admitted on the evening of the next meeting, and not on the evening of balloting, unless in cases where the Lodge shall see proper ground for dispensing with this rule, and shall admit the applicant by unanimous consent, the same evening he shall be balloted for.

4. § EVERY candidate who shall be approved of, shall upon his admission, deposit with the Treasurer twelve dollars, as his initiation fee.

5. § ANY member of this Lodge who desires to be further advanced into the mysteries of Masonry, shall apply in writing to the Lodge for the degree he solicits to be conferred on him; on the evening of his application, or at the next meeting, his application shall be taken into consideration. The Lodge shall ballot for such applicant in the same manner as for his first admission; but after the first degree a concurrence of two thirds of the members present, shall be sufficient to confer any subsequent degree; not more than one degree shall be conferred on the same person on any one evening, unless by unanimous consent of the Lodge.

6. § ON receiving the second degree the applicant shall deposit with the Treasurer five dollars; on receiving the third degree five dollars; and on receiving the Past Master's degree five dollars.

7. § EVERY ancient Mason desirous of becoming a member of this Lodge, shall have visited the Lodge on a stated night, and having given convincing proofs of his being a regular Mason, he shall be balloted for as specified in the second section of this article, and if accepted, shall pay into the hands of the Treasurer five dollars.

A R T I C L E V.

TRANSACTIONS OF THE LODGE NOT TO BE DISCOVERED.

1. § WHEN any person shall apply for admission, or any Brother to become a member, or any member for

any additional degree, no member or visitor shall discover, directly or indirectly, to such person, or any other out of the Lodge, any conversation which may have taken place on the subject in this Lodge, except to a Brother; nor shall he disclose any other transactions of the Lodge, unless it be to a member, under the penalty (if the offender be a member) of his being suspended for six months; and if a visitor, he shall not be permitted to visit for twelve months.

ARTICLE VI.

BALLOTING.

1. § NO member shall be permitted to ballot for any officer of this Lodge, until he has paid his fines, (if he has incurred any) and all dues. The master shall ballot in all cases, where applications are made for admissions; or, after admission, for further advancement; and shall vote on all other questions where the members are divided.

2. § If any member shall discover what ballot he has put in, or intends to put in, he shall be suspended for six months.

ARTICLE VII.

CONDUCT IN THE LODGE.

1. § IN all debates concerning the affairs of the Lodge, every member shall rise and address himself to the Master only, under the penalty of twenty-five cents.

2. § If more than one shall rise to speak at the same time, the Master shall determine which shall proceed, and the other shall take his seat until the member up is done speaking.

3. § No argument shall arise in the Lodge concerning

Religion, Politics, or any subject foreign to Masonry ; and if any such subject should be mentioned, it shall be the duty of the Master instantly to put an end to any such discussion. No Brother shall be allowed to speak more than twice on the same subject, without the express permission of the Lodge.

4. § ANY member who, during the time the Lodge is open, shall move about from place to place, unless in the execution of his office, or go out of the Lodge, without permission from the Master, shall pay a fine of fifty cents.

A R T I C L E VIII.

S T A N D I N G C O M M I T T E E.

1. § THERE shall be a Standing Committee, for the purpose of taking cognizance of the members out of the Lodge, and for settling private disputes between the members, cementing the harmony of the Lodge, and regulating its affairs. The Committee to consist of three.

2. § If any private dispute should unhappily arise between members of this Lodge, the standing committee, on being informed thereof, shall examine into the case, and endeavor to reconcile the parties, but if a reconciliation cannot be effected by them, they shall bring the matter in dispute before the Lodge, at their stated night of meeting, to be there discussed, when the parties shall respectively conform to what the Lodge shall direct, or the party refusing shall be suspended until his compliance.

A R T I C L E IX.

O F D I P L O M A S.

1. § ANY member wishing to withdraw himself from the Lodge, shall signify his desire in writing, on a stated night, and pay to the Treasurer all arrears due by him,

including the quarter then current, when he shall be entitled to a diploma, to be signed by the Master and Wardens, and attested by the Secretary; and if such member shall require a diploma, he shall pay one dollar to the Secretary for the same, and to the Treasurer for the Charity Fund fifty cents. No diploma shall be granted to a Brother who is under censure.

ARTICLE X.

CHARITY FUND.

1. § THERE shall be established a Fund of Charity, to which purpose shall be appropriated one dollar from each candidate on admission, one dollar from each Brother on being admitted a member, the monies collected from visiting members, and the fines which may be incurred and paid by the members. Which fund shall be applied at the discretion of three fourths of the members of the Lodge.

2. § EVERY member of this Lodge shall pay into the hands of the Treasurer, for the use of the Lodge, the annual sum of four dollars, by quarterly payments, viz. one dollar on the third Wednesdays in March, June, September and December; together with all fines by him incurred, within one month from every such quarter day; one fourth of the said annual sum to be appropriated to the Charity Fund, the residue to the general fund of the Lodge.

ARTICLE XI.

ENACTING, ALTERING, OR ABROGATING LAWS.

1. § NO motion shall be made for a new law, or for abrogating or altering any of those laws, but on a stated

Lodge night, when it shall be handed to the Master in writing, who, after he has perused it, shall hand it to the Secretary, to be by him read to the members, and if it shall meet the approbation of a majority of them, it shall be inserted on the proceedings of the meeting, and referred to the consideration of the members at their next stated Lodge night, whose determination shall be final.

A R T I C L E XII.

1. § EVERY member of this Lodge shall sign these Laws, and strictly observe and obey them; and also shall obey all the Laws, Rules and Regulations laid down and prescribed by the Book of Constitutions of Masonry, and such as shall hereafter be made and published by the Grand Lodge of Maryland, or by this Lodge,

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